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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR LEBANESE VISAS

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1. GOL HAS MADE ONE FURTHER CHANGE IN LEBANESE VISA REQUIREMENTS. PREVIOUS POLICY AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE 15-DAY VISAS AT BEIRUT AIRPORT AND OTHER PORTS OF ENTRY HAS BEEN CANCELED. FORTY-EIGHT HOUR TRANSIT VISAS STILL BEING ISSUED, WHICH MAY BE EXTENDED ON APPLICATION TO SURETE GENERAL OFFICE.

2. FORTUNATELY, NEW PROCEDURE WILL NOT RESULT IN REFUSAL OF ENTRY FOR LACK OF VISA. HOWEVER, NEW ORDER WILL INCONVENIENCE CITIZENS INTENDING VISIT LEBANON FOR WEEK OR TWO WITHOUT PRIOR VISA, AS APPLICATION FOR VISA EXTENSION AT SURETE GENERAL OFTEN INVOLVES LONG WAIT IN CROWDED, UNPLEASANT ENVIRONMENT.

3. IF CITIZENS INQUIRE RE TRAVEL TO LEBANON, POSTS SHOULD SUGGEST THEY OBTAIN VISAS PRIOR ENTRY. DEPT MAY WISH CIRCULARIZE ALL POSTS.

4. GOL ALSO PAPEARS APPLYING MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICY ON VALIDITY OF VISA EXTENSIONS. EMBASSY FREQUENTLY OBTAINS 3-MONTH EXTENSIONS FOR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL TEMPORARILY IN BEIRUT, E.G., MEDICAL EVACUEES, FBIS EMPLOYEES IN BEIRUT SINCE CYPRUS EVACUATION, ETC. ON JANUARY 20 SURETE GENERAL INFORMED US INFORMALLY THAT SUCH EXTENSION FROM NOW ON WILL BE LIMITED OT 30 DAYS. SURETE GENERAL STATED THIS APPLIES TO ALL FOREIGNERS TEMPORARILY IN LEBANON.
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